

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 336**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Huff**

February 10, 2005

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An act to amend Section 11366.8 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 336, as introduced, Huff. Controlled substances.

Existing law makes it a crime for any person to possess, use, or control a false compartment with the intent to store, conceal, smuggle, or transport a controlled substance within the false compartment.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 11366.8 of the Health and Safety Code  
2     is amended to read:  
3     11366.8. (a) (1) Every person who possesses, uses, or  
4     controls a false compartment with the intent to store, conceal,  
5     smuggle, or transport a controlled substance within the false  
6     compartment shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail  
7     for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year or in the state  
8     prison.  
9     ~~(b)–~~  
10    (2) Every person who designs, constructs, builds, alters, or  
11    fabricates a false compartment for, or installs or attaches a false

1 compartment to, a vehicle with the intent to store, conceal,  
2 smuggle, or transport a controlled substance shall be punished by  
3 imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three  
4 years.

5 ~~(e)–~~

6 (b) The term “vehicle” means any of the following vehicles  
7 without regard to whether the vehicles are private or commercial,  
8 including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, buses, aircraft, boats,  
9 ships, yachts, and vessels.

10 ~~(d)–~~

11 (c) The term “false compartment” means any box, container,  
12 space, or enclosure that is intended for use or designed for use to  
13 conceal, hide, or otherwise prevent discovery of any controlled  
14 substance within or attached to a vehicle, including, but not  
15 limited to, any of the following:

16 (1) False, altered, or modified fuel tanks.

17 (2) Original factory equipment of a vehicle that is modified,  
18 altered, or changed.

19 (3) Compartment, space, or box that is added to, or fabricated,  
20 made, or created from, existing compartments, spaces, or boxes  
21 within a vehicle.